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For: PRESSURE GRADIENT CVI/CVD APPARATUS, PROCESS AND PRODUCT)))

AMENDMENT

MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313

Dear Sir:

This Amendment responds to the Office Action dated September 25, 2003.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this paper.